



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Bucks County, PA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Bucks County was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Bucks County is located north of Philadelphia along the Delaware River, a location once prized by industry for its convenience and easy access to transportation. As transportation laws changed, industry relocated, leaving behind abandoned and underutilized sites. About 168,766 of Bucks County's 597,635 residents live in the five target communities. The area has been designated a state Enterprise Zone. These communities represent the county's highest rates of poverty and unemployment. Cleanup and the eventual revitalization of the waterfront properties are expected to stimulate the economy, bringing jobs to the area and increasing local revenues.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant



\$1,000,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Bucks County for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used in several communities in Lower Bucks County to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the county will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with petroleum. The potential sites are primarily in five communities along an approximately 25-mile stretch of the Delaware River: Bensalem Township, Bristol Borough, Bristol Township, Falls Township, and Morrisville Borough.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

Plans for the waterfront include mixed-use development of commercial, residential, office and recreational facilities and greenspace.